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(SBU) KEY POINTS

-- There are no confirmed cases of H1N1 in Qatar as of May 11, 2009.

-- Embassy and U.S. military reps met May 11 with Qatar's Director of Public Health and will work to formalize an agreement whereby suspected cases of H1N1 from among U.S. service members arriving at the international airport would be released into the custody of the U.S. military for evaluation and quarantine at the base health clinics.

End Key Points.

11. (U) There are no confirmed H1N1 cases in Qatar as of 1600 local on May 11, 2009.

12. (U) Embassy and U.S. military representatives met May 11 at the Ministry of Health with Dr. Mohammed Bin Hamad Al Thani, Director of Public Health, and Dr. Shazia Nadeem, Head of the Emergency Preparedness Program.

13. (SBU) Al Thani noted Qatar has suspected cases of H1N1 every day but, lacking the technical ability to screen for the specific virus in-country, can only do a rapid test to determine whether the illness is caused by Type-A influenza. Qatar has ordered, and Al Thani anticipates having within days, test kits allowing the Ministry to confirm H1N1 samples in country. Thus far, none of the suspected cases have turned out to be carrying H1N1.

14. (SBU) Individuals within Qatar suspected of possibly carrying the virus are given Tamiflu and either kept in isolation or told to stay at home. For passengers arriving through the international airport, Al Thani confirmed the procedures described in Ref A.

15. (SBU) U.S. military health reps from Al-Udeid Air Base explained their procedures for screening arriving and departing official personnel via the base. Al Thani agreed that the Ministry of Health would permit U.S. representatives to pick up, transport, test, and quarantine any suspected cases among service members arriving at the international airport. The military reps undertook to present Al Thani with a draft agreement in the next few days which would formalize the procedures in the event of a suspected case.

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